THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) The existing TV transmitter functioning on 10 KW power at Bhopal is not expected to provide TV coverage to the entire State of Madhya Pradesh. Besides this transmitter, 53 transmitters of varying powers are providing coverage to an estimated 57.4% population of the State.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to link all the TV transmitters in the State of Madhya Pradesh with Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal *via* satellite mode of linkage. Whereas the TV Studio Centre at Bhopal has been made technically ready, the Uplink Earth Station at Bhopal is in advanced stage of completion. The regional service will be introduced subject to the availability of adequate space segment capacity.

इलैक्ट्रानिक माध्यमों को सुझाव देने के लिए अन्तरविभागीय समिति

538. श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इलैक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यमों में प्रतिद्वन्दिता शुरू करने सम्बन्धी सुझाव देने के लिए कोई अन्तर-विभागीय समिति गठित की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस समिति ने अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा रिपोर्ट की जांच की जा रही है।

Improving audibility of Urdu Service of AIR

539. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1091 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1990 and state the fresh steps Government have taken for improving the quality of audibility of Urdu Service of All India Radio for domestic listeners.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : There is no proposal, at present, to change the basic character of the Urdu service of All India Radio from one directed to Urdu speaking audiences of the West and North-West Indian Sub-continent into one covering areas deep inside the country.

Anti-India propaganda from across the border

540. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
DR. ABRAR AHMED :
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is uninterrupted flow of anti-India propaganda from across the borders of Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been urged repeatedly to set up a T.V. Station at Jammu to counter this anti-India propaganda ;